

In the Specification:

At page 12, in the second full paragraph, please amend as follows:

Figures 3a and 3b are cross-section views of a profiled member 13, 13' [[, 13"']] of a stent in accordance with the present invention. Figure 3a is a cross-section of the section 13 shown in Figure 2a after profiling, and Figure 3b a cross-section of the section 13' shown in Figure 2b after profiling. The profiling process results in the top and bottom portions being substantially flat and/or with the surfaces of the top and bottom portions exhibiting substantially similar absolute radii of curvature.